

**Congress of the United States**  
Washington, DC 20510

March 25, 2010

Maj. Gen. Polly A. Peyer  
Commander  
Warner Robins Air Logistics Center  
Air Force Materiel Command  
Robins Air Force Base, Ga.

Dear General Peyer,

We write to you to bring to your attention a high-quality provider of aircraft maintenance, repair and overhaul work which we believe could provide a beneficial source of maintenance and logistics work on the fleet of military aircraft under your supervision. Empire Aero Corp., based on the former Griffiss Air Force Base in Rome, New York currently performs civilian aircraft maintenance for a wide range of models and has the capacity to expand its role to perform key maintenance and upgrades on C-130 series transport planes, and would strongly urge you to visit their facility to consider its use for this work.

In particular, we believe that Empire Aero could provide a natural location to provide maintenance and support for the large number of C-130 series planes stationed in New York. There are currently 26 C-130 series planes stationed in New York and utilizing a New York facility to maintain and repair these planes would offer an efficient use of Air Force resources, as well as providing easy access for operators in New York and the broader region.

Additionally, taking advantage of this facility would also help to ensure that its operation remains viable. As a result of dramatic economic downturn, Empire Aero has seen a dramatic decline in its commercial business and work on military aircraft would enable it to bridge the gap, keep the facility open and preserve hundreds of jobs.

It is our hope that you will be able to visit this facility in the near future and consider it as a possible site to conduct maintenance, repair and overhaul work for these planes. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Kirsten E. Gillibrand  
U.S. Senator



Charles E. Schumer  
U.S. Senator



Michael Arcuri  
Member of Congress